



Quarterly Newsletter

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PROMOTING INDEPENDENCE IN PUBLIC TRANSIT

Mission Statement:

To advance the right of all persons with disabilities and older adults to equal access to public transportation and community participation by providing: support, information, training, and education to promote quality Travel Instruction.

Call for Board Nominations – Join ATI Leadership!

The Association of Travel Instruction (ATI) is now accepting nominations for our Board of Directors. This is an exciting opportunity to help guide the future of travel instruction and make a meaningful impact on the mobility and independence of people of all abilities.

If you are passionate about advancing accessible travel and ready to contribute your skills and ideas, we encourage you to submit your nomination or nominate a colleague. Board members play a vital role in shaping ATI's programs, events, and strategic direction.

To nominate yourself or someone else, please visit <https://www.travelinstruction.org/team-1> or contact Board President at raven.alexander@travelinstruction.org by July 23, 2025.

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Membership Information

The Membership Committee has been actively engaged in recruiting and fostering connections among our members throughout the year, not just during the annual conference. We recognize the importance of building a vibrant community, and we are committed to creating opportunities for both members and non-members to engage with each other.

To this end, we are organizing virtual networking events aimed at enhancing collaboration and sharing insights within our community. These events provide a platform for members to connect, share experiences, and discuss best practices, while also welcoming non-members who are interested in learning more about ATI and what we offer.

Our initiatives focus on creating a welcoming environment where everyone can participate, regardless of their membership status.

We encourage all members to participate in these events and to invite colleagues or peers who might benefit from joining ATI. Together, we can continue to grow our community and enhance the value of membership.

Our monthly membership meetings are on last Friday of month at 2pm EST.

If interested in joining the membership committee or have any questions, please contact membershipcommittee@travelinstruction.org.

Member Spotlight: Travel Training Featured by U.S. DOL!

We're excited to share that one of the Travel Trainers on our team was recently interviewed by the U.S. Department of Labor as part of their efforts to spotlight unique and impactful careers. The DOL reached out to learn more about what a Travel Trainer does, with the goal of introducing high school students and recent college graduates to career paths they may not have previously considered.

It's a great opportunity to raise awareness about the profession and the vital work Travel Trainers do every day.  Read the full interview here: <https://www.bls.gov/careeroutlook/2025/youre-a-what/travel-trainer.htm>

Professional Development

The committee continues to meet monthly to plan and discuss topics for the bi-monthly webinars, ensuring they are relevant and beneficial to attendees. These meetings provide an opportunity to collaborate, share ideas, and refine the content to best support professional development and accessibility initiatives.

The next ATI Professional Development opportunity is scheduled for July 9th at 1:00 PM Eastern. This session will focus on "ATI Mentorship Program". Join us for a collaborative discussion on the creation of a mentorship program through the Association of Travel Instruction (ATI). This session will explore how a structured mentorship initiative can support new and experienced professionals in travel instruction, foster peer connections, and strengthen our network.

We'll review goals, gather input, and outline next steps for launching the program. All members are welcome—whether you're interested in becoming a mentor, mentee, or helping shape the program's design. Further details will be shared as the program takes shape.



Upcoming Webinars

- September 10 AbleLink
- November 12 Travel Training Individuals w/Mobility Devices

Are you wanting to thoughtfully assist the Travel Training Community by providing virtual webinars every other month exclusively to the membership to connect, share, and inform on topics that affect our field and those we serve with industry experts.

If interested in joining the professional development committee or have any questions, please contact prodevcommittee@travelinstruction.org.

Media

The Media Committee has been actively working to enhance ATI's visibility and engagement across multiple platforms. While much of our recent focus has been on the upcoming annual conference, we're also planning some exciting new features to share with members in the months ahead.

Along with the rest of the website, we're also excited to share that the Members Only section of the ATI website has been updated. If you haven't already, both individual and organizational members will need to become a site member and create a password-protected account—or resetting their existing password—to access exclusive content such as past webinars, presentations, conference photos and more.

If you're interested in joining the Media Committee or contributing your ideas, we'd love to hear from you! Please email us at mediacommittee@travelinstruction.org. We currently meet on the second Monday of each month at 3:00 PM EST.



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- LinkedIn – linkedin.com/in/association-of-travel-instruction
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- Threads – threads.net/@associationoftravelinstruction
- Bluesky – bsky.app/profile/associationofti.bsky.social
- YouTube – youtube.com/@TravelInstructionORG

All Things Conference

Awards and Scholarships

ATI is now accepting nominations for all awards and scholarships. This is your chance to highlight the dedication and impact of a colleague—or even yourself. Visit the Conference Awards and Scholarships page at <https://www.travelinstruction.org/scholarships> to learn more about these exciting opportunities and submit a nomination ASAP.



Hotel Information

Marriott Boston Quincy
1000 Marriott Drive, Quincy, MA 02169

The ATI group discount has ended, however there is still room to join.

[Reserve Your Room](#)

Registration

The ATI conference stands as a pivotal gathering for individuals passionate about the future of accessible transportation. The conference is a hub of activity, offering numerous opportunities for collaboration and networking. Participants can engage in thought-provoking panel discussions, explore current trends, and benefit from expert-led workshops designed to deepen their understanding. Inspiring keynote speeches and hands-on learning experiences further enrich the event, making it a comprehensive platform for those committed to advancing accessibility in transportation.

Visit <https://www.travelinstruction.org/conference> for conference registration and details.

ATI Members' Night Out – Harvard Square!



Join us after the workshops on Wednesday, July 30 for a night out in bustling Harvard Square! This iconic neighborhood is just steps from the University and offers an exciting mix of dining, shopping, and sightseeing destinations.



Keynote Speaker

We are excited to have a discussion with the Secretary of Transportation and Massachusetts Department of Transportation CEO to kick off our conference. As Secretary, she is responsible for the four divisions of MassDOT: Highway, Rail and Transit, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, and Aeronautics. In this position, she also serves on the Massport and MBTA Board of Directors.

✔ Conference Prep Tips for Attendees

- Review the schedule and highlight sessions you don't want to miss.
- Set a few goals—whether it's learning, networking, or discovering new tools.
- Be ready to introduce yourself with a short pitch about who you are and what you do.
- Join in! Ask questions, take notes, and meet new people.
- Visit sponsor tables and check out the resources.
- Share your experience on social media using the event hashtag.
- Follow up afterward with new contacts and think about how you can use what you learned.
- Get ready to learn, connect, and have a great time!

❤ Conference Checklist: What to Bring!

Get ready for a high-energy, connection-filled time! Here's what you won't want to leave behind:

- ✔ Comfortable walking shoes – You'll be on the move!
- ✔ Business cards – Network, network, network!
 - ✔ High energy – Bring your best self!
 - ✔ Fresh ideas – We want to hear them!
- Optional, but encouraged:
 - 🎁 Agency swag items – Share the love!
 - 🎉 Raffle item – Add some fun to the giveaways!

Let's make this conference unforgettable—see you soon!

Support ATI's 25th Annual Conference as a Sponsor!

We invite businesses in the industry, agencies, supporters, advocates, and anyone invested in the professional development of travel trainers to support the ATI 25th Annual Conference in Boston, MA, from July 29-31 by becoming a sponsor. Your sponsorship helps provide valuable programming, networking opportunities, and professional development for those dedicated to the travel training industry.

No sponsorship is too large or small—both monetary and in-kind contributions are greatly appreciated. Explore sponsorship levels and benefits by visiting the [Conference Sponsorship page](#).

Join us in making this year's conference a success!

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